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Hometown Holidays on downtown Main street!



Join us **Saturday, December 7 from 5:00 - 8:00pm!** Santa arrives on the fire truck at 5pm for the Mayor's welcome and Christmas tree lighting with Rudolph at the new PD at Nichols & Main! Enjoy caroling, refreshments, kids' crafts, and the Small Mall where kids can purchase their own gifts. Plus free photos with Santa!

Downtown businesses will be open late, and many will host a non-profit organization presenting kids' activities. St. Nicholas will make an appearance at St. Clare's! Watch for updates at www.springhillks.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 28/29

City Hall closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Dec 7 5:00-8:00pm

Hometown Holidays on Main St.!

Dec 25 City Hall closed in observance of Christmas

Jan 1 City Hall closed in observance of the New Year



The new Police Department at the old Post Office building at Nichols & Main will host the Mayor's Tree Lighting ceremony and see the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus on a fire truck!



Picture the Mayor's 20' Christmas Tree here, with a big star on top! Caroling and the Mayor's Dec 7 Welcome at 5pm, Nichols & Main. Hometown Holiday festivities begin here!

Trash Service Tips!

*Yard Waste reminder ~ the last pick up of 2013 is the week of **Dec 9!**

*Bulky pick up is not for construction debris ~ carpet falls into this category

Safety Tips from Johnson County Fire District #2



Captain Bradley Davis shared the following **smoke detector safety tips**:

- *Standards suggest installing smoke detectors outside of bedrooms, inside bedrooms, on each level of a living unit, and in basements.
- *Always remember that when we change our clocks in the fall and spring, change your smoke detector batteries, too.
- *Regularly vacuuming or dusting your smoke alarm can keep them working properly.
- *Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace yours once every 10 years.
- *Plan regular fire drills to ensure that everyone knows exactly what to do when the smoke alarm sounds.
- *Smoke detectors can warn your family of fire and provide you with the extra time you need to escape.

Battalion Chief Cam Johnson recently spoke at a Spring Hill Rotary Club meeting and discussed several fire prevention tips for the holiday season. Surprisingly, chimney fires are not the number one cause of house fires during the holidays; rather, **it is the use of indoor turkey fryers that causes the most fires!** Frozen turkeys are full of moisture, and if the inside of the turkey is not completely thawed and patted dry, the mixture of hot oil and the retained water is disastrous. Also, putting too much cooking oil in the pot will cause spillage when the turkey is added... and that spilled hot oil near open flames is catastrophic.

Happy Holidays from your local Fire Department ~ Johnson County Fire District 2

Trash the Wipes, Don't Flush

What we flush down the toilet is out of sight, and out of mind; but the City of Spring Hill Utilities Division wants you to know about wipes that are labeled as "flushable" –

Wipes don't disintegrate.



Increasingly popular bathroom wipes; thick, pre-moistened towelettes that are advertised as “flushable”, are creating sewer main clogs, obstructions, and backups in sewer systems around the nation.

Wipes that make it to the City's Wastewater Sewer Collection system become an expensive and maintenance nuisance. Instead of dissolving, the wipes turn into a stringy mess that catch on the inside of the sewer pipes, clogs pumps and equipment and creates more maintenance problems every year. Wipes can also damage your home's plumbing, and cause a sewage backup in your house.

An Industry trades group this month revised its guidelines on which specific wipe “can” be flushed. They have created a universal “stick-figure” (do not flush symbol) to put on future packaging.

The City of Spring Hill Public Works Department is following suit with the rest of the municipalities around the country in launching a nationwide campaign to encourage people who use wipes to **dispose of them in the trash**; **“Trash the Wipes, Don't Flush”**.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation!

City of Spring Hill Public Works
From the Office of the Superintendent of Utilities

